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1. IN DECEMBER 12 INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF CANADIAN PARTICIPATION  
IN VARIOUS RESOURCE PRODUCERS GROUPS, EMBOFF WAS TOLD BY  
EXTAFF RESOURCES OFFICER THAT CANADA WOULD "PROBABLY" ATTEND  
IN OBSERVER CAPACITY THE PLANNED JANUARY MEETING IN NEW DELHI  
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OF THE "PREPARATORY COMMITTEE" OF THE IRON ORE PRODUCERS GROUP.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE NEW DELHI MEETING, ACCORDING TO THE EXTAFF SOURCE, IS TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN IRON ORE ASSOCIATION TO BE PRESENTED TO A PLANNED MARCH/APRIL MINISTERIAL MEETING. ACCORDING TO EXTAFF, CANADIAN PARTICIPATION (OTHER THAN AS AN OBSERVER) IN SUCH A PROSPECTIVE ORGANIZATION IS NOT REPEAT NOT LIKELY IF THE PURPOSE IS TO FIX PRICES AND IF CONSUMERS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE ASSOCIATION. EXTAFF OFFICER STATED THAT CANADIAN POSITION ON THESE ISSUES IS SUPPORTED BY AUSTRALIA AND SWEDEN. WITH REGARD TO RESOURCE PRICES IN GENERAL, THE EXTAFF OFFICER NOTED THAT TO DATE CANADA HAS GENERALLY BEEN SATISFIED WITH RESULTS OBTAINED THROUGH THE OPERATION OF INTERNATIONAL "MARKET FORCES".

3. COMMENT: TOWARD THE END OF THE CONVERSATION, EXTAFF OFFICER MENTIONED IN PASSING THAT MAJOR DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES (EMR) STUDY OF CANADIAN RESOURCE BASE EN TOTO WAS NEARING COMPLETION AND WOULD PROBABLY REACH "PUBLIC PRE-PUBLICATION" STAGE EARLY IN 1975. "PUBLIC PRE-PUBLICATION" STAGE MEANS THAT EMR WILL HAVE DISCUSSIONS AND CONSULTATIONS WITH INDUSTRY AND THE TEN PROVINCES WHICH EXERCISE PRIMARY JURISDICTION (EXCEPT IN CASE OF URANIUM) OVER NATURAL RESOURCES WITHIN THEIR TERRITORIES. ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF THE STUDY, ACCORDING TO THE EXTAFF OFFICER, IS TO EXAMINE IN DEPTH HOW BENEFICIAL THE OPERATION OF "MARKET FORCES" HAVE BEEN IN FACT TO CANADA'S TRADING POSITION. THE FINAL RESULTS OF THIS IMPORTANT STUDY COULD CONCEIVABLY, IN COMING MONTHS AND YEARS, ALTER CANADA'S PRESENT ALOOFNESS FROM PRODUCER GROUPS AND ASSOCIATION, ALTHOUGH THE EMBASSY IS IN NO POSITION AT THIS TIME TO PREJUDGE THIS MATTER.

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